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-- YOU ARE THE FIRST IMPORTANT AMERICAN POLITICAL FIGURE TO VISIT CHINA SINCE THE BEIJING MASSACRE OF JUNE 3-4. YOUR VISIT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY FIRST-HAND U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CHINA AND SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

-- EVEN THOUGH YOUR VISIT IS PRIVATE, THE CHINESE WILL NOT VIEW IT AS SUCH. THEY WILL SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PORTRAY YOUR VISIT AS SYMBOLIC EVIDENCE OF A RETURN TO "NORMALCY" IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

-- RELATIONS ARE NOT, HOWEVER, NORMAL. THE CHINESE CONTINUE TO WANT WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL, AND MARKETS. THEY DO NOT WANT WESTERN CULTURAL OR IDEOLOGICAL INFLUENCE. ACCORDINGLY, THE CHINESE HAVE:

- SUSPENDED THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM;
- REFUSED TO ALLOW FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS TO COME TO CHINA THIS YEAR;
- CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE AND JAM VOA;
- ATTACKED THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR INTERFERING IN CHINESE AFFAIRS; AND
- CONTINUED A HARSH CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS.

-- TIANANMEN HAS STRIPPED AWAY ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT OUR RELATIONS. WHILE WE WANT TO MAKE OUR RELATIONS WORK, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AREAS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISAGREE WITH THE CHINESE OVER HUMAN RIGHTS, PRESS, INTELLECTUAL, AND CULTURAL ISSUES.

-- THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS FEELING VULNERABLE AND DEFENSIVE. DOMESTICALLY, THE CHINESE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REBUILD THE STRENGTH OF THE PARTY THROUGH:

- A RENEWED EMPHASIS ON MARXIST IDEOLOGY;
- A MUCH-PUBLICIZED CRACKDOWN ON CORRUPTION; AND
- A CONTINUING PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO JUSTIFY WHAT THE GOVERNMENT DID IN BEIJING.

-- IN THE WAKE OF THE TIANANMEN CRACKDOWN, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT TO RESTORE ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE BY:

- SELLING ITS OFFICIAL STORY ON TIANANMEN TO SYMPATHETIC THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES;
- SHORING UP TIES TO NON-ALIGNED NATIONS SUCH AS INDIA, AS WELL AS TO NAM MEMBERS IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA;
- PUBLICIZING CONTINUING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AND PARTY-TO-PARTY CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EASTERN BLOC; AND
- PLAYING UP CONTACTS WITH WESTERN NATIONS (E.G., AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON CAMBODIA) AND WITH WESTERN VISITORS TO CHINA.

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